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Reminiscence of James Madison.

[From the Richmond Dispatch.]
In the summer of 1835, the year before Mr. Madison's death (which occurred in the summer of 1836, I think, June, 1836), I happened to visit him, in company with his step-son, Payne Todd, commonly called Col. Todd.

Payne Todd, was a man of high culture, of urbane and fascinating manners, and was the only son of Mrs. Madison, whose maiden name was Dorothy Payne, of Hanover co., Va., by a former marriage with Mr. Todd, who was a native, or at least a resident, of Philadelphia. Mr. Madison became acquainted with her whilst a member of the Federal Convention held in Philadelphia in 1787, and shortly after married her. Mr. Madison had no children, and Payne Todd was the heir apparent of his estate, which was very large at the time of his death, and but for Mr. Todd's extravagance would have been greatly larger.

Todd was private secretary to Albert Gallatin, at the treaty of Ghent, and announced the signature of the treaty between England and America, at that Belgian town, under circumstances which gave him great credit, to wit: over many bowls of egg-nogg—a Virginia drink, of which he was extravagantly fond; and in the compounding of which, as will be remembered by many yet living in the county of Orange and elsewhere, he was an adept. He was a man of infinite jest and humor, and was not only "witty himself," but was the cause of wit in others. Had he not been poor he would have been a man of mark—would have taken a high stand in the country, and have been able to distinguish himself, and leave behind a name worthy of being long remembered.

But I digress in order to cast a passing tribute upon the tomb of a friend who was not well appreciated, and has passed away, leaving no child or relative who seems to have properly understood or to have out their real value upon his many virtues, his great worth, or his high character for honesty, probity and intelligence. In July, 1835, I visited Montpelier, the abode of an abundant, elegant, but unostentatious hospitality. It was at a time when the tempest of nullification, raised by the State of South Carolina, and which had been so thoroughly and timely laid by Andrew Jackson, yet agitated the political ocean. It was well known that Mr. Madison was opposed to nullification, and that so was Jefferson, as was abundantly shown during the nullification excitement by his grandson and executor, Thos. Jefferson Randolph, of Albemarle.

Thomas Ritchie, esq., of the Richmond Enquirer, who was regarded as the "Fidius Anachoritis" of State Rights, and who long afterwards wielded the editorial knout of the Enquirer and of the Washington Union, had at the time of my visit just published a long and able editorial, in which he had taken the ground that nullification was not the rightful remedy for infractions of the Constitution, but that secession was.

I had read the article before, but happening to pick up the No. containing it at Montpelier, asked Mr. Madison what he thought of it. He expressed himself, as will be remembered by all his friends, with great caution as to persons—especially those on the public stage—but as to abstract principles of Government, with which he was as thoroughly conversant as any person who ever lived, he was, as might be expected, perfectly communicative. This arose from his wish to preserve his dignity, and to avoid being drawn into any controversy with parties on the one side or the other; for he always, after his Presidential term expired, avoided the party topics of the day, regarding as he did partisan strife with great aversion. He also deemed that it did not become him, the principal framer of the Constitution, and expounder of its doctrines, one who had administered the Government for eight years, the most difficult of its history, without a single infraction of the Constitution in "one jot or tittle," which was his greatest glory and boast, should mingle in such scenes as would expose him to censure and recrimination.

His was, altogether, the greatest intellect that this country has produced, and his name will stand with more truth than Burke said of Chatham, as a

"Clarum et venerabile nomen gentis.
Mulum et nostrum quod proderat urbi."
Without further preface, which might, as to personal reminiscences of this remarkable man, be indefinitely extended, I will say that I have devoted to the article alluded to above in the present number of the Gazette, preface my remarks perhaps with rather too much forwardness by the expression of the opinion that secession was worse than nullification, and asked Mr. Madison what he thought of it. Mr. Madison replied, in substance: "Admit the right of secession, what is it worth?"

The madman exclaimed, "I will shear the wolf!" A friend remonstrates, and says:—"Shear the wolf! Have you considered the lolly, the unprofitableness, and the danger of the attempt?" "No," says the madman, "I am not in the habit of considering anything of the sort. When I wish to do a thing, my only inquiry is into the right to do it."

Now, I can prove by the most indubitable authority that I have a right to shear the wolf. Man has a natural right of dominion over all the beast of the forest. I am a man; the wolf is a beast, &c.; and I have a right to exercise my ownership over him in the way of shearing or in any other mode I choose; and if the wolf don't submit the consequences are on his head, not on mine.

Said Mr. Madison, admit, to the fullest extent, the right of secession, unless the other States and the General Government admit the exercise of the right of secession, war will ensue. When war ensues, the question is not which party has the right, but it is an appeal to arms and the God of Battles must determine it.

The seceding States may not only lose the boasted right of secession (the right to shear the wolf), but many other rights besides. Having told this story frequently before secession, and since secession, and knowing this reminiscence to be founded upon the great wisdom of the author of our Constitution, and perhaps of the wisest statesman whom this or any other country has ever produced, I am tempted to throw it before the winds of the popular breeze for what it is worth, and in the confidence that, as the opinion of such a man, it is worth a great deal.

At any rate, the writer hereof has never before or thought since that conversation with Mr. Madison, worth while to form any opinion as to the right of secession. Ever since he has considered the question as of no consequence, so far as he or the country is concerned.

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[TRANSLATION.]
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[Dr. William Frederick Stewart's Certificate.]
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[Dr. J. B. Williams' Certificate.]
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